

The Masonic and Military Order of
the Red Cross of Constantine
and
The Orders of the Holy Sepulchre
and of St John the Evangelist



Service of Requiem
Thames Division

Service of Requiem at Divisional Conclave

*(On the completion of the previous item
on the agenda of Divisional Conclave,
the Divisional Recorder stands and says:)*

Divisional Recorder

Right Illustrious Intendant-General, during the year since the last meeting of this Divisional Conclave, a number of Worthy Knights have died.

Intendant-General

I call upon the Divisional Prelates to conduct the Requiem.

*(The Divisional High Prelate
and the Divisional Sub Prelate
move to stand in front of the altar, facing west.)*

Divisional Sub Prelate

Let us pray.

(Wait whilst all present stand.)

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Divisional Recorder

*(The Divisional Recorder reads the names and conclaves
of those Worthy Knights who have died).*

Divisional High Prelate

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;
sicut erat in principio, est nunc, et semper, in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Divisional High Prelate

Holy and Eternal Lord God,
who in your mercy promised eternal rest to all the faithful;
grant that our departed brother *knights*
may enter freely through the gates of paradise,
and find *their* rest in the land of the living;
and as we remember thankfully *their* labours
as our *companions* here on earth,
we pray that *their* portion may be in the heavenly brotherhood
of Constantine, Eusebius, and all who have put their trust in you,
through Jesus Christ our Great Sovereign and Redeemer. Amen.

Divisional Sub Prelate

A reading from the Book of Job, chapter 19, verses 25 to 27.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Divisional High Prelate

Unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever;

✝ and may Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always.

Amen.

*The above clause beginning with a red cross
is said only by a Clerk in Holy Orders.*

*The Divisional High Prelate
and the Divisional Sub Prelate
return to their seats, and sit.*

*After a moment's pause the Intendant-General moves
to the next item on the agenda of Divisional Conclave.*

Dress Code

Divisional High Prelate and Divisional Sub Prelate

For those NOT in Holy Orders, or under Episcopal Licence:

The personal regalia of their rank is worn. Over the top of this, a plain white surplice.

For Licensed Lay Ministers (previously known as Lay Readers):

Either as above, or black cassock, plain white surplice, and blue scarf.

For Clerks in Holy Orders:

Black cassock, plain white surplice, and stole (with, optionally, a biretta). By preference, the stole should be according to the pattern set out in the Statutes of the Order. The Thames Division owns such a stole (which is in the care of the Divisional Warden of Regalia) which may be given on loan to Clerks in Holy Orders for Divisional use. If a stole of the prescribed pattern is not available, then any stole may be worn. Other regalia (including the sash and the apron) is not worn, except for collarettes (by those entitled to them).

Knights do not ever wear a sword when acting as High Prelate or Sub Prelate.

Knights whose personal rank entitles them to bear a baton do not do so whilst acting as High Prelate or Sub Prelate.

